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For spring wear these two shades are once more in favor—and they are beautiful—

At the prices mentioned above, the styles are handsome—nine-inch models with fabric uppers.

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DEFENDS HIGH COST OF BUILDING SHIP PLANT

NECESSITY FOR SPEED EXCUSE OF HOG ISLAND OFFICIAL.

COST ESTIMATES RUN HIGH

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Heavy expenditures of government money in the construction of the Hog Island shipyard, near Philadelphia, were defended before the senate investigating committee yesterday by George J. Baldwin, chairman of the board of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, on the ground that the corporation had no choice either of delaying ship construction or of paying high costs in building the plant.

Baldwin said the corporation's action was justified because the nation needs ships and the plant expects to be completed by the end of the year. He added that all of the 10 ships contracted for will be launched in time, unless there is delay incident to transportation or other difficulties. One keel was laid yesterday, he said, and fifty will be put down in February and March.

Profit Was Cut.

During a three-hour cross-examination of the witness it developed that the corporation first asked a profit of 5 per cent, in the cost of the 10 ships to be built, but that Major-General Gethals, then general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, refused to pay it and finally agreed to a profit of 3 1/2 per cent. It also developed that the contracts for building the plants provided that the government either must buy the Hog Island land from the owners after the war or continue to pay a rental of 5 per cent. on \$1,000,000, the purchase price.

It had been tentatively estimated that the cost of constructing the yard would be approximately \$21,000,000, but estimates from the Emergency Fleet Corporation show that that figure will be greatly exceeded. Baldwin said construction of the yards as a war emergency necessity was more expensive than it would have been in peace times.

All Minus Experience.

The witness admitted that none of the board of directors of the corporation is a shipbuilder or had had actual shipbuilding experience.

Senator Johnson asked for the names of the principal stockholders in the American International Corporation, or its subsidiaries. The witness could not name any other than Frank A. Vanderbilt, of the National City Bank of New York, and stated he would give the names at some future time.

Mr. Baldwin corroborated previous testimony that a fee of 5 per cent. is paid to subcontractors, although there is a specific provision in contract with the Emergency Fleet Corporation that there shall be no fee paid to the principal contractor. He also corroborated statements previously made that Stone & Webster receive a fee amounting to double the salary of its experts under the contract. He also gave an engineering question.

Mr. Baldwin declared he believed that the statements of Chairman Hurley and Vice-Chairman Fies regarding mismanagement of the Hog Island plant were exaggerated.

FREE HAND FOR GEN. MARCH.

Secretary Baker Explains Position of the War Council.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Appointment of general officers to assist in the chief of staff created by the recent general staff reorganization order probably will not be made until Major-General March returns from France to take up his duties as acting chief of staff. It is indicated that the officers temporarily assigned will continue to serve until General March has been replaced.

LOOK YOURSELF OVER CAREFULLY

See if your condition is not such as to make your best investment the purchase of Hood's Sarsaparilla, Pepton and Hood's Pills.

This course of medicine will be worth many times the cost when it removes that tired feeling, that paleness and anemic tendency, that warning of waning strength, that weakness of body that opens the way for disease, that backache and other symptoms of kidney trouble, constipation, and that grouchy touch of rheumatism.

Many people need this splendid combination to make perfect health. Others may not need all three, but almost everybody needs at least one of them. —Advertisement.

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Fleisher's Worst Knitting Yarns In khaki, gray, black, navy and ivory, 51 a hank

Khaki Worst Knitting Yarns, 90c a hank

WASSON'S

A One-Day February Sale and Display of Aprons, House Dresses and Breakfast Sets

—That Calls to Every Housewife, Whether She Needs Them or Not—

Do you know what we do for you in this February event of house dresses, aprons and breakfast sets? We offer you your choice of scores, yes, hundreds of brand new garments—practically our entire spring line—Many we have marked at very special low prices—ALL are unusual values at their regular prices—

- Coverall aprons in slipover and middy styles—
- House dresses in the favored "Billie Burke" models—
- House dresses in loose, straight, belted effects—
- House dresses in plain tailored styles—
- Pretty breakfast sets of plain pink and blue percales—



In fact we don't believe there is a kind lacking that any woman could want— But not another word will we say. Come tomorrow and judge for yourself what a remarkable offering it is!

Coverall Aprons at \$1—Just what any woman would want to do her hard housework in. Made of pretty indigo blue percales in figures and stripes. Some open down side, others down front; many with fancy scallops around neck and front bound with white.

In the \$2.50 assortment will be found house dresses of gingham and percales in fancy stripes of all colors. Attractively trimmed with plain color bands and buttons. This lot includes Billie Burke house dresses in fancy stripes with plain color collar, cuffs and tie.

Each Day Adds to Our Sparkling Group of Hats at



The newest addition is the hat you see sketched—and well does it deserve a mention all its own.

It really had intended being a strictly tailored, shiny brown lisere sailor—but on second thought decided to drape tan velvet around its crown in such a manner as to take away most of its severely tailored lines. The effect is delightful.

And there are ever so many others equally as charming. Some have two sets of crowns—(bustle style)—others project out in front, grandmother's bonnet fashion, while the Pope or military crown still meets with high favor.

Indeed a wonderful lot of hats at \$10.

—Millinery dept., third floor.

A Few Discontinued Numbers in

Fiber Silk Sweaters at \$9.95

Formerly Up to \$16.75

Ten in the assortment—and every one just as charming and attractive as it can be.

Three in gold with white combination trimming—belt all around—one in rose, two in gold with green trimming sailor collar and sash—one Copenhagen with combination of white and gold trimming, one in tan, two olive green with white trimming.

All marked tomorrow at \$9.95.

—First floor—Wasson's.

We are Getting in Box After Box of Beautiful New Spring DRESSES \$25—\$35—\$39.50



The sound and sensible ideas of the times, combined with the beauty of simple lines and glowing fabrics are expressed in these new garments—

They're not dull, drab, dowdy and uninteresting—Fashion was too wise for that—She set about making dresses in keeping with the war times—but she made them with style—a good taste that causes them to be more stunning than ever—that attracts one wonderfully—

The dresses are beautifully slim and straight—not an inch of superfluous material—not an extra pleat (except the silk dresses, which have a few frills like the one in the sketch marked \$35)—

Fashioned of taffeta silks, taffeta and Georgette combinations, satins, crepes de chine, crepe meteors, serge and serge combined with foulards and satins—

\$25—\$35—\$39.50.

—Ready-to-wear dept., second floor.

The Food Administration Says:

In Germany today no food is fried. It is all boiled or stewed. Every ounce of fat is saved. Only millionaires have soap. There are no candles in France or England.

Fat is fuel. It is important that we give our Allies all the fat we can spare.



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TAKES POISON; DIES AT FATHER-IN-LAW'S HOME

FARMER KNOCKS AT DOOR, FALLS INSENSIBLE.

GOT ACID AT LAWRENCE

Edward Wheeler, a farmer, who lived near Lawrence, died last night at the home of his father-in-law, John Harper, whose farm adjoined Wheeler's place, from the effects of carbolic acid which he drank earlier in the evening with suicidal intent. Relatives were unable to assign any motive for his act.

Wheeler obtained the poison in Lawrence in the afternoon and is believed to have swallowed it when on his way home. He knocked at the door of his father-in-law's home and, as Mr. Harper admitted him, he fell insensible to the floor. He died a few minutes later. Persons who talked to Wheeler when he was in Lawrence said he appeared to be in good spirits at that time.

Wheeler is survived by a widow and two sons, Samuel, age eighteen, and Denton, age thirteen. He was forty-six years old.

Dr. Richard A. Poole, coroner, was notified of the death and began an investigation.

INSURANCE EXTENSION.

Automatic Protection for Soldiers Not Affected, Says McAdoo.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The time in which soldiers or sailors who entered the service more than 120 days ago may apply for government life insurance, which would have expired last night, was extended until April 12, under a joint resolution approved by President Wilson's Secretary McAdoo explained, however, that this extension does not apply to automatic insurance without application, which ceased last night.

A Sleepy Hospital.

(Boston Transcript)

Mrs. Timmis-John, wake up! There's a man downstairs; I'm sure I heard a noise that sounded like a yawn.

Husband—Oh, go to sleep. What you heard was probably the rubber plant stretching itself.

PLAN INSTRUCTION IN USE OF INDIANA COAL

RETAIL DEALERS HOLD MEETING AT SEVERIN.

STATE-WIDE CAMPAIGN

Plans for carrying on an educational campaign in the state to teach the people how to use Indiana coal with the best results were discussed at a meeting of members of the Indiana Retail Coal Merchants' Association yesterday at the Hotel Severin. Coal men from various parts of the state reported improvement in coal conditions during the recent moderate weather.

Under the plans which are now being worked out by the federal fuel administration, Indiana coal consumers will be largely dependent next winter on Indiana coal for fuel purposes. The coal men have started a campaign to teach the correct use of the soft grade of coal mined in the state.

W. D. Stockenberg, a Chicago engineer, has been employed by the association to travel about the state and instruct the dealers, in order that they may in turn instruct the consumers.

R. H. Yeagley, secretary of the association, was appointed as delegate to the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association convention to be held in Baltimore.

PROTEST TO HOOVER.

Princeton Grocers Complain of High Price of Wheat Flour Substitutes.

(Special to The Indianapolis News)

PRINCETON, Ind., February 12.—The price-fixing committee of Gibson county grocers, which yesterday established prices for a large number of grocery staples at a meeting in the office of Henry Tichenor, county food administrator, also adopted a resolution directed to the national food administration, in which it said, after expressing its loyalty and patriotism "regardless of any question of profits":

"We know that flour substitutes made of the cheaper grades should not cost more than good flour. Our customers feel that they are being robbed when they are required to pay more for the price of good flour for corn flour, rye flour, barley flour.

"We feel that the price of soda crackers should be reduced according to the low grade of the flour from which they are made.

"Some of our customers seem to think that we are the robbers. As a matter of fact, you know, and we know, that we are forced to hold them up, to take the blame for the robbery and to remit the proceeds of the holdup to the speculator, manufacturer and producer.

"Therefore, we appeal to you for protection for ourselves and our customers. Is it not within your power to relieve this situation?"

"Further, we would bring to your notice that the present high price of potatoes is greatly curtailing their use. No more than 200 cars a week are being consumed in the county now, when 900 cars a week would be nearer the right quantity to utilize the heavy stock of potatoes now on hand."

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